IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraphs appearing at page 13, line 17, through page 14, line 14, in the Substitute Specification, as follows:

--In Fig. 8, with respect to a variation in the color of the hue cyan on the axis of abscissa, reference character A denotes the amount of C (Cyan) ink, reference character B denotes the amount of M (Magenta) ink, reference character C denotes the amount of Y (Yellow) ink, and reference character D denotes the amount of K (black) ink. Reference character E denotes the total color material use amount. Together with the above display, slider bar controllers 81 and 82 are displayed. The user or service person can operate these slider bar controllers by means of the keyboard or the mouse to adjust the total color material use amount. Operating the slider bar controller 81 enables a point on the abscissa to be specified. Points (1) and (2) are examples of points specified in this manner. Further, operating the slider bar 82 enables the specification of the total color material use amount corresponding to the specified point on the abscissa as described above. That is, the user or the like specifies one of the plurality of total color material use amounts displayed in association with the specified point which joins smoothly to the total color material use amounts of the preceding or succeeding points. For example, at a point at which the total amount sharply changes, as at points (1) and (2) shown in Fig. 8, the above operation is performed to generate a generally smooth variation. This allows the total color material use amount E' to vary smoothly with respect to a variation in the color of each hue. This setting is of course made before an image is inputted.

In step S[[4]]705, the combination of Y, M, C, and K corresponding to the input image signal is determined on the basis of the total color material use amount set in

accordance with the operation of the slider bars 81 and 82. Then in step S[[4]]706, the combination of color material signals set in step S[[4]]705 is outputted to the printer to finish the present color separating process.--